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Algeria*: draft resolution

Observance of World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the relevant provisions of chapter 12 of Agenda 21, 1/ adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

Considering that the promotion of action to implement the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, 2/ requires public awareness at local, national, regional and international levels,

Acknowledging that desertification and drought are problems of global dimension in that they affect all regions of the world and that joint action of the international community is needed to combat desertification and drought, particularly in Africa,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

1/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janiero, 3-14 June 1992 (A/CONF.151/26/Rev.1 (Vol. I and Vol. I/Corr.1, Vol. II, Vol. III and Vol. III/Corr.1)) (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda), vol. I: Resolutions adopted by the Conference, resolution 1, annex II.

2/ A/49/84/Add.2, annex, appendix II.

Recognizing the importance and necessity of international cooperation and partnership in combating desertification and drought in accordance with the provision of the Convention, adopted by the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, in Paris on 17 June 1994,

Recognizing also the strong commitment of the international community to implementing the Convention and its regional implementation annexes, 3/

1. Decides to proclaim 17 June as World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought, to be observed beginning in 1995;

2. Invites all States to devote the Day to promoting public awareness through the publication and diffusion of documentaries, and the organization of conferences, round-table meetings, seminars and expositions relating to international cooperation to combat desertification and drought and the implementation of the provisions of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, and its regional implementation annexes;

3. Invites the Secretary-General to make recommendations on the ways and means by which the United Nations Secretariat could assist Member States, upon their request, in organizing their national activities for the observance of World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements to ensure the success of the observance by the United Nations of World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought;

5. Invites all relevant United Nations bodies within their mandates and non-governmental organizations to promote World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to inform the General Assembly at its fiftieth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

3/ Ibid., annexes I-IV.